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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1993 AT 6:OO P.M. IN MUGSHOTS, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

ASSOCIATION DES ETUDIANTS ET ÉTUDIANTES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ CONCORDIA

1.0 APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR

L. Podgurny stated that this special meeting was called by himself and K. McMurray and that all business to be dealt with arises from last week's meeting which did not attain quorum. He proposed chairing the meeting and added that his doing so would not count towards quorum. He added that there is a sufficient amount of directors without him present to make quorum. Lana stated that L. Podgurny would count towards quorum but that he would not vote in any motions forthcoming, in his capacity as chairperson.

MOTION TO APPOINT L. PODGURNY AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS MEETING

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: H. O. Cohen

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT L. PODGURNY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING — **UNANIMOUS**

Interim chairperson, L. Podgurny called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Nada Al-Yazdi (left at 8:10 p.m.)
Maha Asfour
Pascale Batchoun
Ken Blackburn

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COMMERCE

Kristina Bolh
Emmanuel Kamukama
Paul O'Connor

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Helen Ora Cohen (left at 7:20 p.m.)
Genevieve Grenier
Shafik Mina
Ken McMurray

ENGINEERING

Len Podgurny

ABSENT

Arts and Science:	Laurie Nicholson, Tony Nicolas, Stacy Schacter (wr), Christine Vieira
Commerce:	Marc Fares (wr), Bobby Lunny, Kassan Rahhal (wr)
Fine Arts:	Kimberly Jensen
Engineering:	Mohammed Raza Jivraj, Walid Sebali

3. STUDENT APPOINTMENTS TO ACADEMIC BODIES

M. Giles stated that for the faculty of Fine Arts, permission was granted from the faculty to postpone the appointments until next week. She proceeded to introduce the motions for Senate to the Board.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ECA's nominations for the undergraduate student seats on University Senate representing the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, namely Leonard Podgurny and Tarek El Naggar, be accepted.

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: K. Blackburn

M. Giles stated that these appointments were decided by ECA's council and that CUSA is essentially rubber stamping its' appointments.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CASA's nominations for the undergraduate student seats on University Senate representing the faculty of Commerce and Administration, namely

Ramy Sedra and Raymond Hall, be accepted.

Moved by: K. Bolh
Seconded by: P. O'Connor

M. Giles stated that these appointments were decided by CASA's council and that CUSA is essentially rubber stamping its appointments. She added that R. Sedra is the president of CASA and R. Hall is the V.P. Academic & Student Affairs.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pending further applications, Christopher Kuilman and Heather McLeod be accepted as the undergraduate student representatives from the Faculty of Fine Arts to University Senate.

Moved by: G. Grenier
Seconded by: L. Grimes

M. Giles stated that other nominations should be forthcoming and added that the applications that were received were approved by the association. She added that these two individuals were not interviewed by the Fine Arts Appointments Panel, but that they are qualified applicants.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT two of the four undergraduate seats on University Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Science be assumed by Marika Giles and Philip Dalton.

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: H. O. Cohen

M. Giles stated that not all of the applicants have yet been interviewed and as a consequence she does not feel comfortable filling the remaining seats until all the candidates have been interviewed. She added that two of the four seats could be filled at this time, namely herself and P. Dalton who could present a cohesive

student representation on Senate.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Appointments Panel be mandated to appoint these previously ratified student representatives to the appropriate committees of University Senate.

Moved by: N. Al-Yazdi
Seconded by: P. Dalton

M. Giles stated that with this motion it will be possible for the appointments panel to make final decisions with regards to making appointments to sub-committees of Senate.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

- **Arts & Science Faculty Council**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pending further applications, the following students be appointed to the undergraduate student seats to Arts & Science Faculty Council: Marika Giles, Philip Dalton (interim), Ken Blackburn, Laurie Nicholson, Ken McMurray, Maha Asfour, Genevieve Grenier, Marie-Helene Langevin, Christine Terry, Kyla Henriksen, Michelle Soso (interim), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Angus Duff be the undergraduate student representative to the Faculty Honours Committee of the Arts & Science Faculty Council, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appointments panels be mandated to appoint these previously ratified student representatives to the appropriate committees of the Arts & Science Faculty Council.

Moved by: K. Blackburn
Seconded by: K. McMurray

M. Giles stated that this is an incomplete list as there are sixteen (16) student seats on the Arts & Science

faculty council but only ten (10) names have been brought to the Board tonight for approval. She added that it is a diverse group and represents a lot of different facets of the faculty itself. She added that P. Dalton and M. Soso are holding seats for an interim period due to some important issues that need to be dealt with a solid student voting block.

P. Dalton stated that he will vacate his seat at the earliest opportunity and urged directors to solicit serious students for this council.

M. Asfour asked to know if these seats were well advertised. M. Giles replied that every departmental association in the university was notified by a memo and applications were available at the front desk for about four weeks. She added that notices had been posted throughout the entire university and students were notified as well at the student life orientation tours.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Co-Presidents

L. Grimes apologized profoundly to the Board for not having had the opportunity to bring forth to this body the matter of her student status, which was discussed in the Concordian. She added that she was an independent student when she ran for office and was eligible to run and to take her seat if she was elected. Lana stated that she decided to dedicate and sacrifice a lot for something she believes in very seriously.

L. Grimes asked P. Dalton to proceed with the report for a few minutes.

P. Dalton stated that the bids came in for Cusa Centre Inc. and that the Cusa Centre Board will be meeting on Monday to evaluate these bids. He added that the architects are evaluating them along with the Vice-Rector Services office. Philip stated that the money situation for the bar is tight but that if the contractor can be picked within the next few days, things are moving along on schedule.

4.2 V.P. Academic

M. Giles stated that she has been busy with the appointments to the various university bodies and will continue to be occupied with the Fine Arts appointments. She added that she attended the Steering Committee for the Arts & Science Faculty council last week and has been occupied with cases involving advocacy. Marika stated that there is no director sitting on the Arts & Science Appointments Panel and suggested that one be appointed for the few upcoming interviews which will be scheduled.

MOTION TO APPOINT P. BATCHOUN TO THE ARTS & SCIENCE APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: N. Al-Yazdi

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT P. BATCHOUN TO THE ARTS & SCIENCE APPOINTMENTS PANEL **UNANIMOUS**

(Time: 7:00 p.m.)

4.1 Co-Presidents

L. Grimes stated that she feels very comfortable with the position she is holding and feels very legally and ethically morally able to sit here. She added that her interpretation of the constitution is that if the Board wishes to have a Co-President removed from their seat it will have to be done through an impeachment process and that the grounds for that are negligence and impropriety. Lana stated that she feels she hasn't committed any of these wrongdoings and therefore intends to continue to fulfill a very strong mandate.

L. Grimes stated that directors are allowed to approach the CUSA lawyer as a Board to ask his interpretation of the Companies Act and the constitution. She added that she would like to have the Board feel as comfortable as she does in the seat she holds. Lana stated that she doesn't want this matter to be brought up all year by the media and that she will respect the Board's influence and any decisions it reaches.

L. Grimes stated that she will do her best to influence, to argue, to defend and be able to sit as Co-President until the end of March. She stated that she is not able to register this semester.

P. Dalton stated that from day one L. Grimes has served the students unfailingly and her level of dedication is extraordinary. He added that this union could not hope to have a better Co-President. Philip pledged his full support behind L. Grimes and added that it is very difficult to envision working without her and impossible to imagine working with someone else.

M. Asfour asked to know what the Board can do to support L. Grimes. L. Grimes suggested that the Board take an independent stand and address it in that way. She added that the first thing the Board has to do, is to inform itself on its own as a group without her influence.

M. Soso stated that she couldn't have pulled off Orientation without L. Grimes' expertise and professionalism and offered her her full support.

K. Blackburn stated that any academic performance would not reflect L. Grimes' ability to control or to perform duties towards any sort of wrongdoing that was manifested in the past.

G. Grenier stated that it is imperative for this Board to understand fully and completely the legalities involved here and as a Board, it should consult with the lawyer, F. Longpre for his expertise, in order to put aside any doubts from arising in the process. P. Dalton suggested to the Board that a small group of directors get together formally, with a spokesperson and consult with the lawyer.

K. McMurray stated that L. Grimes has launched an appeal and is awaiting a reply. L. Grimes replied that the close of registration is next Friday and that it is highly unlikely that she will be registering.

M. Asfour suggested that the Board draft a letter of support and recommendation and forward it to the appropriate university bodies. L. Grimes replied that she would like to keep her academics as a separate issue and wouldn't submit the letter to the university. She added that it wouldn't be appropriate and wouldn't be acceptable.

L. Grimes stated that there are student unions across the country, whereby when elected into office, the individuals cease taking courses and take an academic sabbatical in order to devote oneself with the task at hand.

L. Grimes stated that she has no interest in taking any courses this year and wishes to take one year off completely to devote her time to the association and the student movement.

E. Kamukama stated that the Board has to seriously consider this issue and obtain a clear-cut decision from the Judicial Board to interpret the constitution, since it could set a precedence for the future. P. Dalton replied that the association is an independent corporation and is subject to its constitution, its by-laws and its members. He added that the association can sort the matters out itself through opinions from lawyers, make informed decisions and proposals.

L. Grimes stated that the Judicial Board is not able to function right now due to J. Edwards resignation. She suggested that the advertising process for Judicial Board vacancies get underway as soon as possible.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legal council for CUSA be requested to give their interpretation of the constitution and the companies act regarding the non-student status of sitting directors and the Co-Presidents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors pledges its full support to

Lana Grimes as a director and CUSA Co-President for the work that she has completed thus far.

Moved by: S. Mina
Seconded by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4.3 V.P. Administration

A. Ghaemi apologized to the Board for not having prepared a written report. He stated that a lot of things have been going on and added that CCSL will be brought up at the next meeting of the Board. He added that a lot of applications for the CCSL seats have been forthcoming and that advertising has ensued on both campuses.

4.4 V.P. Finance

L. Grimes stated that the audit was to be ready on Wednesday but that the auditors have informed her that it will be ready next week, due to the audit having to go through a second level of quality control which entails a higher level of management inside Arthur Anderson, to ensure that it is meeting proper standards.

4.5 V.P. Liaison & Information

F. Khader stated that he has been busy with the Used Bookstore and assisting with Orientation. He added that he will start working on CUSA Today this weekend.

4.6 V.P. Services

M. Soso stated that Orientation is going well, but that some events are not as well attended as she had expected. She added that the reason for this is due to bureaucratic obstacles in advertising around the university. Michelle stated that a lot of students were overwhelmed with the amount of activities that CUSA is putting on.

M. Soso stated that there is a joint comedy night taking place with CASA tonight and added that there will be a Much Music Party tomorrow evening at the Campus Centre. She added that on Sunday the street bash will be taking place and added that the first one was pretty successful with the bands.

M. Soso stated that she will be looking for a working committee to brainstorm for Winter Carnival.

P. Dalton stated that a special thanks is required for F. Khader who personally gave an advance of $3, 000 to the association to ensure that delivery of the beer took place for Orientation.

6.0 CUSAcorp

P. Dalton stated that there was a CUSAcorp Board of Directors meeting earlier today and added that a new set of by-laws is being drafted with the help of the lawyer and will be brought to the Board for approval. He added that normal operations for CUSAcorp will be suspended since it is not feasible to open them up without a proper accounting system in place, a Comptroller and funds to purchase stock.

P. Dalton stated that with regards to the Vendtech proposal, the finer points of it include a one-year lease, constructing a sound barrier, and staffing of the area. He added that this issue will be dealt with shortly.

7.0 SETTING OF ELECTION DATES

WHEREAS the CUSA Board of Directors, at a Special Meeting of May 1993, called for a by-election/referendum in the month of October 1993, and;

WHEREAS no actual dates have been set for this by-election/referendum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule for the October by-election/referendum be as follows:

Nomination Period:	**Monday, Sept.-Friday, Sept. 24 (5 p.m.)**
Campaign Period:	**Monday, Sept. 27-Monday October 11 (12 midnight)**
Voting Days:	**Tuesday, October 12 & Wednesday, October 13**

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: P. Batchoun

K. McMurray suggested that the dates be bumped up one (1) week and retain the services of the CRO, according to the motion that was passed in May. P. Dalton replied that a Judicial Board in place is required before the elections take place.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: E. Kamukama
Seconded by: K. Bolh

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE 1/6/4 FAILED

L. Grimes stated that there is a deadline to the CRO's term in office, that being the end of June, which implies that L. Petrovic is no longer the CRO. She suggested postponing the elections by two weeks, in order to hire a CRO and to have a functional Judicial Board.

L. Grimes asked to know why K. McMurray has proposed only two (2) days for voting. K. McMurray replied that for by-elections in the past, the voting process happened over two (2) days. L. Grimes suggested that a third day be added, to ensure that there is a good voter turnout. There were no objections to L. Grimes suggestion.

MOTION TO AMEND

WHEREAS the CUSA Board of Directors, at a Special Meeting of May 1993, called for a by-election/referendum in the month of October 1993, and;

WHEREAS no actual dates have been set for this by-election/referendum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule for the October by-election/referendum be as follows:

Nomination Period:	**Monday, Sept. 27-Friday, October 8th (5 p.m.)**
Campaign Period:	**Monday, October 11th-Monday October 25th (12 midnight)**
Voting Days:	**Tuesday, October 26, Wednesday, October 27 & Thursday, October 28th.**

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

8.0 Motion Regarding Article 5.5g of the CUSA Constitution

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: E. Kamukama

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE — UNANIMOUS

(Time: 8:00 p.m.)

9.0 Canada Student Assistance Program

Motion 609

WHEREAS the Canadian government has abolished the six month interest-free period for Canadian Student Assistance Program (CSAP) recipients having finished or left school, and;

WHEREAS such a measure will place at a severe disadvantage thousands of Canadian students who may not be able to find work immediately after finishing or leaving school, and;

WHEREAS there exists at Concordia students who are CSAP recipients and will be affected by this punitive measure, and;

WHEREAS it is the role of a students' association to promote and defend the rights and interests of its members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA condemn the Federal Government for having abolished the six month interest-free period on CSAP loan repayments, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA demand of the Federal Government the restoration of the six-month interest-free period, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Co-Presidents be mandated to draft a letter expressing the above, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a press release be sent out regarding this issue, that copies of this be sent to other student associations, and that it be made available in both official languages, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA petition the University to adopt a policy denouncing this measure and demanding the reinstatement of the six month interest-free period.

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: S. Mina

K. McMurray stated that this policy was passed by a Federal Cabinet meeting and added that the essence is that within one month of finishing studies, a notification will is sent to students to start paying back the loan with interest, immediately on a monthly basis with interest.. He added that this situation could be detrimental to students who don't have jobs upon graduation.

M. Asfour asked to know what action the Board could take to help students. The chair replied that the Board could issue a statement condemning the government.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

10.0 Schedule of Regular Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors have their meetings once every two (2) weeks, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each of these meetings commence at 6:00 p.m., and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT every third meeting be held at the Loyola Campus, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board establish which day it is appropriate to hold its meetings.

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: L. Grimes

L. Grimes called quorum at 8:10 p.m.

L. Podgurny, Interim Chairperson

H. Danakas

Helen Danakas, Secretary

Friday, September 10, 1993
Special Meeting